- 2. The compound of claim 1 wherein at least one of the radiosensitizing groups is a nitro-substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic aromatic moiety which is attached to the C2, C4, C7, C9, C10 or C14 position of the taxane.
- 3. The compound of claim 1 wherein said radiosensitizing groups are independently selected from nitro-substituted carbocyclic and heterocyclic aromatic moieties and and wherein at least one of said radiosensitizing groups is attached to the C2, C4, C7, C9, C10 or C14 position of the taxane.
  - 4. A compound corresponding to the structure:

wherein

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M comprises ammonium or is a metal;

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or hydroxy;

 $R_2$  is  $-OT_2$ ,  $-OCOZ_2$ ,  $-OCOOZ_2$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_4$  is  $-OT_4$ ,  $-OCOZ_4$ ,  $-OCOOZ_4$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_7$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $-OT_7$ ,  $-OCOZ_7$ ,  $-OCOOZ_7$ ,

RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

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R<sub>9</sub> is hydrogen, keto, -OT<sub>9</sub>, -OCOZ<sub>9</sub>, -OCOOZ<sub>9</sub>, RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $R_{10}$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_{10},\; -OCOZ_{10},\; -OCOOZ_{10},\; RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

 $R_7$ ,  $R_9$ , and  $R_{10}$  independently have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration;

 $R_{13}$  is hydroxy, protected hydroxy, keto, MO- or

 $R_{14}$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, protected hydroxy,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $T_2$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_7$ ,  $T_9$  and  $T_{10}$  are independently hydrogen or hydroxy protecting group;

 $X_1$  is  $-OX_6$ ;

 $X_2$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_3$  is alkyl, heterosubstituted alkyl, alkenyl, heterosubstituted alkenyl, alkynyl, heterosubstituted alkynyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

X<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl, heterosubstituted alkyl, 30 alkenyl, heterosubstituted alkenyl, alkynyl, heterosubstituted alkynyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_5$  is  $-X_{10}$ ,  $-OX_{10}$ ,  $-SX_{11}$ , or  $-NX_8X_{11}$ ;

 $X_6$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, hydroxy protecting group or a functional group which increases the water solubility of the taxane derivative;

 $X_{\theta}$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon,  $RSG_{1}$  or  $RSG_{2}\,;$ 

X<sub>10</sub> is alkyl, heterosubstituted alkyl, alkenyl, heterosubstituted alkenyl, heterosubstituted alkynyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_{11}$  is hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted 45 hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $Z_2$ ,  $Z_4$ ,  $Z_7$ ,  $Z_9$  and  $Z_{10}$  are independently hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

RSG<sub>1</sub> is an electron-affinic moiety; RSG<sub>2</sub> is  $-L-(RSG_1)_n$ ;

L is a linker comprising a chain of 1 to 30 atoms in the chain, the atoms being selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si, and P; and

n is an integer greater than or equal to 1; provided that the compound contains at least one radiosensitizing group attached to the C2, C4, C7, C9, C10, C14, C3' or C5' position of the compound.

- 5. The compound of claim 4 wherein RSG<sub>1</sub> is an electron-affinic group selected from the group consisting of (i) carbocyclic and heterocyclic aromatic moieties which possess one or more carbonyl, trifluoromethyl, halogen, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, phosphoryl, oxide or cyano groups, (ii) heterocyclic aromatic moieties containing two or more heteroatoms, (iii) metal complexes, and (iv) organo-metallic groups in which the metal is covalently bonded to carbon.
- 6. The compound of claim 4 wherein RSG<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of imidazoles, triazoles, pyridines, benzamides, nicotinamides, benzotriazine oxides, furans, thiophenes, oxazoles and thiozoles possessing one or more carbonyl,

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trifluoromethyl, halogen, nitro, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, phosphoryl, oxide or cyano groups.

7. The compound of claim 4 wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or hydroxy;

R<sub>2</sub> is -OCOZ<sub>2</sub>, RSG<sub>1</sub>, or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

R<sub>4</sub> is -OCOZ<sub>4</sub>, RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $R_7$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $-OT_7$ ,  $-OCOZ_7$ ,  $RSG_1$  or

RSG2;

 $R_9$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_9$ ,  $-OCOZ_9$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_{\text{10}}$  is hydrogen, keto,  $\text{-OT}_{\text{10}},\ \text{-OCOZ}_{\text{10}},\ \text{RSG}_{\text{1}}$  or

RSG2;

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R<sub>13</sub> is

 $R_{14}$  is hydrogen, hydroxy or protected hydroxy;  $T_2$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_7$ ,  $T_9$  and  $T_{10}$  are independently hydrogen or hydroxy protecting group;

15  $X_1$  is  $-OX_6$ ;

X2 is hydrogen;

 $X_3$  is alkyl, alkenyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_4$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_5$  is  $-X_{10}$ ,  $-OX_{10}$ ,  $-SX_{11}$ , or  $-NX_8X_{11}$ ;

 $X_6$  is hydrogen or hydroxy protecting group;

 $\mathbf{X_{8}}$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon,  $\mathrm{RSG_{1}}$  or  $\mathrm{RSG_{2}}$ ;

 $X_{10}$  is alkyl, alkenyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

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 $Z_2$ ,  $Z_4$ ,  $Z_7$ ,  $Z_9$  and  $Z_{10}$  are independently hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

RSG<sub>1</sub> is an electron-affinic moiety; RSG<sub>2</sub> is -L-(RSG<sub>1</sub>)<sub>n</sub>;

L is a linker comprising a chain of 1 to 10 atoms in the chain, the atoms being selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si, and P; and n is 1 or 2.

- 8. The compound of claim 4 wherein  $RSG_1$  is a heterocyclic aromatic moiety containing two or more heteroatoms.
- 9. The compound of claim 4 wherein  $RSG_1$  is a metal complex.
- 10. The compound of claim 4 wherein  $RSG_1$  is selected from the group consisting imidazoles, triazoles, pyridines, benzamides, furans, thiophenes, oxazoles and thiozoles possessing one or more nitro groups.
  - 11. A compound corresponding to the structure:

wherein

M comprises ammonium or is a metal;

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or hydroxy;

R<sub>2</sub> is RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $R_4$  is  $-OT_4$ ,  $-OCOZ_4$ ,  $-OCOOZ_4$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

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 $R_{7}$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $-OT_{7},\;-OCOZ_{7},\;-OCOOZ_{7},\;RSG_{1}$  or  $RSG_{2}\,;$ 

10 R, is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_9$ ,  $-OCOZ_9$ ,  $-OCOOZ_9$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_{10}$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_{10},\ -OCOZ_{10},\ -OCOOZ_{10},$   $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

 $R_7$ ,  $R_9$ , and  $R_{10}$  independently have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration;

 $R_{13}$  is hydroxy, protected hydroxy, keto, MO- or

 $$R_{14}$$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, protected hydroxy,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

 $T_{2},\ T_{4},\ T_{7},\ T_{9}$  and  $T_{10}$  are independently hydrogen or hydroxy protecting group;

 $X_1$  is  $-OX_6$ ;

 $X_2$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are independently hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl or RSG<sub>1</sub>;

 $X_5$  is  $-X_{10}$ ,  $-OX_{10}$ ,  $-SX_{10}$ , or  $-NX_8X_{10}$ ;

X<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted 30 hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, hydroxy protecting group or a functional group which increases the water solubility of the taxane derivative;

 $X_8$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, RSG, or RSG,;

 $X_{10}$  is hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, RSG1 or RSG2;

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 $Z_4$ ,  $Z_7$ ,  $Z_9$  and  $Z_{10}$  are independently hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

RSG<sub>1</sub> is an electron-affinic moiety; RSG<sub>2</sub> is -L-(RSG<sub>1</sub>)<sub>n</sub>;

L is a linker comprising a chain of 1 to 30 atoms in the chain, the atoms being selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si, and P; and n is an integer greater than or equal to 1.

12. A compound corresponding to the structure:

wherein

M comprises ammonium or is a metal;

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or hydroxy;

 $R_2$  is  $-OT_2$ ,  $-OCOZ_2$ ,  $-OCOOZ_2$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

R<sub>4</sub> is RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $R_7$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $\text{-OT}_7,\ \text{-OCOZ}_7,\ \text{-OCOOZ}_7,$   $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

R, is hydrogen, keto, -OT, -OCOZ, -OCOOZ, RSG, or RSG2;

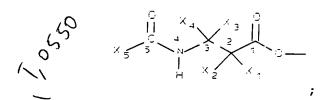
 $\rm R_{10}$  is hydrogen, keto,  $\rm -OT_{10}, -OCOZ_{10}, -OCOOZ_{10},$   $\rm RSG_1$  or  $\rm RSG_2$  ;

 $R_{7}$ ,  $R_{9}$ , and  $R_{10}$  independently have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration;

 $R_{13}$  is hydroxy, protected hydroxy, keto, MO- or

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 $$R_{14}$$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, protected hydroxy,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

 $T_2$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_7$ ,  $T_9$  and  $T_{10}$  are independently hydrogen or hydroxy protecting group;

 $X_1$  is  $-OX_6$ ;

 $X_2$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are independently hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, or  $RSG_1$ ;

 $X_5$  is  $-X_{10}$ ,  $-OX_{10}$ ,  $-SX_{10}$ , or  $-NX_8X_{10}$ ;

 $X_6$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, hydroxy protecting group or a functional group which increases the water solubility of the taxane derivative;

 $X_8$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, RSG $_1$  or RSG $_2$ ;

 $X_{10}$  is hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $Z_2$ ,  $Z_7$ ,  $Z_9$  and  $Z_{10}$  are independently hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $RSG_1$  is an electron-affinic moiety;  $RSG_2$  is  $-L-(RSG_1)_n$ ;

L is a linker comprising a chain of 1 to 30 atoms in the chain, the atoms being selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si, and P; and n is an integer greater than or equal to 1.

## 13. A compound corresponding to the structure:

wherein

M comprises ammonium or is a metal;

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or hydroxy;

 $R_2$  is  $-OT_2$ ,  $-OCOZ_2$ ,  $-OCOOZ_2$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_4$  is  $-OT_4$ ,  $-OCOZ_4$ ,  $-OCOOZ_4$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

R<sub>7</sub> is RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

R, is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_9$ ,  $-OCOZ_9$ ,  $-OCOOZ_9$ ,  $RSG_1$ 

10 or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $R_{10}$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-\text{OT}_{10},\ -\text{OCOZ}_{10},\ -\text{OCOOZ}_{10},$   $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

 $R_{7}$ ,  $R_{9}$ , and  $R_{10}$  independently have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration;

15 R<sub>13</sub> is hydroxy, protected hydroxy, keto, MO- or

 $$R_{14}$$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, protected hydroxy,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

 $T_2$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_9$  and  $T_{10}$  are independently hydrogen or 20 hydroxy protecting group;

 $X_1$  is  $-OX_6$ ;

 $X_2$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are independently hydrogen,

25 hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl or RSG<sub>1</sub>;

 $X_5$  is  $-X_{10}$ ,  $-OX_{10}$ ,  $-SX_{10}$ , or  $-NX_8X_{10}$ ;

 $X_6$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl,

30 hydroxy protecting group or a functional group which increases the water solubility of the taxane derivative;

 $\rm X_8$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon,  $\rm RSG_1$  or  $\rm RSG_2$  ;

 $X_{10}$  is hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $Z_2$ ,  $Z_4$ ,  $Z_9$  and  $Z_{10}$  are independently hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

RSG<sub>1</sub> is an electron-affinic moiety; RSG<sub>2</sub> is -L-(RSG<sub>1</sub>)<sub>n</sub>;

L is a linker comprising a chain of 1 to 30 atoms in the chain, the atoms being selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si, and P; and

n is an integer greater than or equal to 1.

14. A compound corresponding to the structure:

wherein

M comprises ammonium or is a metal;

5 R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or hydroxy;

 $R_2$  is  $-OT_2$ ,  $-OCOZ_2$ ,  $-OCOOZ_2$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_4$  is  $-OT_4$ ,  $-OCOZ_4$ ,  $-OCOOZ_4$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;  $R_7$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_7$ ,  $-OCOZ_7$ ,  $-OCOOZ_7$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

10 R, is  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_{10}$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_{10},\ -OCOZ_{10},\ -OCOOZ_{10},$   $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

 $R_{7},\ R_{9},\ \text{and}\ R_{10}$  independently have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration;

15 R<sub>13</sub> is hydroxy, protected hydroxy, keto, MO- or

 $$\rm R_{14}$$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, protected hydroxy,  ${\rm RSG_1}$  or  ${\rm RSG_2}\,;$ 

 $T_2$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_7$  and  $T_{10}$  are independently hydrogen or hydroxy protecting group;

 $X_1$  is  $-OX_6$ ;

 $X_2$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are independently hydrogen,

25 hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl or RSG,;

 $X_5$  is  $-X_{10}$ ,  $-OX_{10}$ ,  $-SX_{10}$ , or  $-NX_8X_{10}$ ;

 $X_{\epsilon}$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl,

30 hydroxy protecting group or a functional group which increases the water solubility of the taxane derivative;

 $\mathbf{X_8}$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, RSG1 or RSG2;

 $X_{10}$  is hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted

hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

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 $Z_2$ ,  $Z_4$ ,  $Z_7$  and  $Z_{10}$  are independently hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

RSG<sub>1</sub> is an electron-affinic moiety; RSG<sub>2</sub> is -L-(RSG<sub>1</sub>)<sub>n</sub>;

L is a linker comprising a chain of 1 to 30 atoms in the chain, the atoms being selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si, and P; and

n is an integer greater than or equal to 1.

15. A compound corresponding to the structure:

wherein

M comprises ammonium or is a metal;

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or hydroxy;

 $R_2$  is  $-OT_2$ ,  $-OCOZ_2$ ,  $-OCOOZ_2$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_4$  is  $-OT_4$ ,  $-OCOZ_4$ ,  $-OCOOZ_4$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_7$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_7$ ,  $-OCOZ_7$ ,  $-OCOOZ_7$ ,  $RSG_1$ 

or RSG,;

R<sub>9</sub> is hydrogen, keto, -OT<sub>9</sub>, -OCOZ<sub>9</sub>, -OCOOZ<sub>9</sub>, RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

R<sub>10</sub> is RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $R_7$ ,  $R_9$ , and  $R_{10}$  independently have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration;

R<sub>13</sub> is hydroxy, protected hydroxy, keto, MO- or

 $$R_{14}$$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, protected hydroxy,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2\,;$ 

 $T_2$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_7$  and  $T_9$  are independently hydrogen or 20 hydroxy protecting group;

 $X_1$  is  $-OX_6$ ;

 $X_2$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are independently hydrogen,

25 hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl or RSG<sub>1</sub>;

 $\mathbf{X_{5}}$  is  $-\mathbf{X_{10}}$ ,  $-\mathbf{OX_{10}}$ ,  $-\mathbf{SX_{10}}$ , or  $-\mathbf{NX_{8}X_{10}}$ ;

 $X_6$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl,

30 hydroxy protecting group or a functional group which increases the water solubility of the taxane derivative;

 $X_{8}$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon,  $\mbox{RSG}_{1}$  or  $\mbox{RSG}_{2}\,;$ 

 $X_{10}$  is hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted

hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl,
RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $Z_2$ ,  $Z_4$ ,  $Z_7$  and  $Z_9$  are independently hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

RSG<sub>1</sub> is an electron-affinic moiety; RSG<sub>2</sub> is -L-(RSG<sub>1</sub>)<sub>n</sub>;

L is a linker comprising a chain of 1 to 30 atoms in the chain, the atoms being selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si, and P; and

n is an integer greater than or equal to 1.

## 16. A compound corresponding to the structure:

wherein

'M comprises ammonium or is a metal;

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or hydroxy;

 $R_2$  is  $-OT_2$ ,  $-OCOZ_2$ ,  $-OCOOZ_2$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_4$  is  $-OT_4$ ,  $-OCOZ_4$ ,  $-OCOOZ_4$ ,  $RSG_1$  or  $RSG_2$ ;

 $R_7$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_7$ ,  $-OCOZ_7$ ,  $-OCOOZ_7$ ,  $RSG_1$ 

or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

R, is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_9$ ,  $-OCOZ_9$ ,  $-OCOOZ_9$ ,  $RSG_1$ 10 or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $R_{10}$  is hydrogen, keto,  $-OT_{10}$ ,  $-OCOZ_{10}$ ,  $-OCOOZ_{10}$ , RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $R_{7}$ ,  $R_{9}$ , and  $R_{10}$  independently have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration; 15

 $R_{13}$  is hydroxy, protected hydroxy, keto, MO- or

R<sub>14</sub> is RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $T_2$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_7$ ,  $T_9$  and  $T_{10}$  are independently hydrogen or hydroxy protecting group;

 $X_1$  is  $-OX_6$ ;

 $X_2$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

 $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are independently hydrogen,

25 hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl or RSG<sub>1</sub>;

 $X_s$  is  $-X_{10}$ ,  $-OX_{10}$ ,  $-SX_{10}$ , or  $-NX_sX_{10}$ ;

 $X_6$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl,

30 hydroxy protecting group or a functional group which increases the water solubility of the taxane derivative;

 $X_{8}$  is hydrogen, hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon,  $RSG_{1}$  or  $RSG_{2}\,;$ 

 $X_{10}$  is hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl, heterosubstituted heteroaryl, RSG<sub>1</sub> or RSG<sub>2</sub>;

 $Z_2$ ,  $Z_4$ ,  $Z_7$ ,  $Z_9$  and  $Z_{10}$  are independently hydrocarbon, heterosubstituted hydrocarbon, heteroaryl or heterosubstituted heteroaryl;

RSG<sub>1</sub> is an electron-affinic moiety; RSG<sub>2</sub> is -L-(RSG<sub>1</sub>)<sub>n</sub>;

L is a linker comprising a chain of 1 to 30 atoms in the chain, the atoms being selected from the group consisting of C, O, N, S, Si, and P; and

n is an integer greater than or equal to 1.

- 17. A method of killing tumor cells in a warm-blooded animal, the method comprising:
- (a) administering to the warm-blooded animal a taxane containing an electron-affinic radiosensitizing functional group,
- (b) followed by, after a time interval sufficient to enhance radiosensitization of the tumor cells, irradiating the tumor cells with a dose of radiation effective to kill the tumor cells.
- 18. A method as set forth in claim 16 further comprising heat treating the tumor cells.

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